

**AGENDA  
ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 4  
STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER GEORGE NAKANO, CHAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002  
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 437  
1:30 P.M.**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 0250            JUDICIARY**
- 0280            COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**
- 0390            CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**
- 8885            BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS**

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**ITEM # 0450 STATE TRIAL COURT FUNDING****ISSUE 1: COURT INTERPRETER PROGRAM AUGMENTATION**

CURRENT YEAR	PROPOSED CHANGE	PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
\$57.3 million	\$2.3 million	\$59.7 million

**BACKGROUND:**

The court interpreter program provides interpreter services to non-English speaking persons involved in court proceedings. Under this program defendants are provided services for court during the pre-trial, trial and post trial phases.

The Lao recommends the denial of this augmentation due to concerns regarding the increase in workload for this program and whether increased costs were a result of rate increases.

The Judicial Council estimates increased costs of 7.5% between 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 after factoring out the impact of hourly rate increases. Between 1995 to 2000 the number of days of translator services used in the 14 most used languages increased by almost 22 percent.

**COMMENTS:**

The Judicial Council estimated it provided translator services over 200,000 times in 1999-2000 in over 100 languages. While the percentage of non-English speaking court participants does not appear to be growing, the Courts have seen a constantly increasing demand for services.